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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, TH

SUBJ: ALLEGED CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL BY THAI COMMUNISTS

1. LEFT-LEANING THAI LANGUAGE DAILY PRACHATHIPATAI PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE DECEMBER 9 QUOTING A "HIGH RANKING" OFFICER OF CSOC AS STATING THAT REGIONAL COMMUNIST LEADERS FROM THE NORTHEAST PROVINCES HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE RTG ASKING THE GOVERNMENT FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN RETURN FOR WHICH "THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN EVERY WAY TO IMPROVE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS IN THAILAND". (FBIS 0090841, DECEMBER 9). THE CSOC OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE COMMUNIST CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL CONTAINED ONE CONDITION: THAT THE COMMUNISTS BE ALLOWED TO SET UP A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN THEIR ZONE OF CONTROL. HE IS REPORTED AS STATING ALSO THAT THE CUMMUNISTS KNOW WELL THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL REJECT THE PROPOSAL AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT CAN BE CONSIDERED A PROPAGANDA TACTIC.

2. LEADING THAI AND CHINESE LANGUAGE DAILIES, DECEMBER 11, REPORTED A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN DECEMBER 10 BY LTG SAIYUD KERDPHOL, RTA DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CSOC COORDINATING COMMITTEE, IN WHICH SAIYUD CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE CT LETTER. SAIYUD WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE RTG HAD

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NO REASON TO CONDUCT TALKS WITH THE THAI COMMUNISTS BECAUSE

THAT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO RECOGNIZING THEIR POLITICAL STATUS.

3. LTG SAIYUD INFORMED AN EMBASSY OFFICER DECEMBER 11 THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A COPY OF A LETTER SIMILAR IN CONTENT TO THAT DESCRIBED ABOVE WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO A LOCAL NEWSPAPER. SAIYUD AFFIRMED THAT HE VIEWED THE PROPOSAL AS A PROPAGANDA TACTIC BUT REFERRED WITHOUT COMMENT TO OTHER SPECULATION THAT THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FROM A SPLIT IN CPT RANKS. SAIYUD SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO STUDY THIS MATTER FULLY BUT WOULD INFORM US OF THE RESULTS OF CSOC INVESTIGATION. KINTNER

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